

**MINUTES OF  
CITY OF DUVALL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
08-28-03  
7:00 P.M.**

**6:00 PM:      Presentation by the Snoqualmie Tribe - Casino Project  
Park Capital Project Discussion**

**The City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Nixon at 7:00 P.M.**

**Council Present:**      Julie Benjamin, Mark Cole, Pat Fullmer, Will Ibershof, Tom Loutsis,  
Jeffrey Possinger, Greg Von Tobel, Mayor Nixon

**Staff Present:**      Doreen Wise, Steve Schuller, Glenn Merryman, Steven King,  
Dianne Nelson, Jodi Wycoff, Lara Thomas

***Duvall Police Chief Glenn Merryman led a moment of silence in memory of the second anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack.***

**I.      Additions or Corrections to the Agenda:**

Under Consent Agenda add: Payroll in the amount of \$97,060.65; Claims in the amount of \$323,990.33; Under Council add: Councilmembers Jeffrey Possinger, Julie Benjamin, Will Ibershof and Pat Fullmer.

**II.     Comments from the Audience:**

Elizabeth Walker, 26836 NE Stella St, read for the record a letter she wrote regarding utility bills and sewer rates. She requested to talk to the City Engineer about some research she has done and suggestions she has to keep sewer rates from increasing again. Mayor Nixon stated that the City is looking into a tiered rate system and referred her to talk to Steve Schuller and thanked her for her time and concern. Councilmember Fullmer invited her to attend Finance Committee meetings as well.

Eric Benjamin, 28305 NE Roney Rd, first thanked Mark Cole for all of his work as a Councilmember. He also stated that he'd heard talk of hiring a hearings examiner and if that is the case, he suggested Council consider the repercussions to Council and Planning Commission.

Doreen Wise, City Hall Administrator/Planning Director, replied and stated that no information has been distributed regarding hiring a hearings examiner at this time.

Daniel, PO Box 5, Duvall, gave an overview of the ideas for a new Duvall Days festival. He stated this will be a community event with community efforts.

Councilmember Loutsis discussed the possible dates, so they work around local graduation ceremonies.

Carolyn Butler, 28225 NE 144 St, representing the Arts Commission, thanked Council for the funding and support for SummerStage. She stated that, overall, the concert series was a success with only a few mishaps, which were easily and quickly overcome. She gave some statistics on the events. Carolyn also expressed the need to have a strategic plan in order to apply for certain grants. She explained that she is looking into ways to fund the creation of a valley-wide cultural plan as well as a local strategic plan and requested \$10,000 in the 2004 budget for cultural planning.

**III. Approval of Consent Agenda:**

*Was moved and seconded (Ibershof-Possinger) to approve the consent agenda which included Payroll in the amount of \$97,060.65; Claims in the amount of \$323,990.33; the Council Meeting Minutes of 8/14/03. Carried. (7 ayes).*

**IV. Presentation:                      None**

**V. Scheduled Items:**

**1. Mayor:** Mayor Nixon thanked Carolyn Butler for all of her hard work with the Arts Commission. She stated that she attended the funeral for Tracy Walker, the owner of White Rose last weekend. She also thanked Daniel for all of his work on Duvall Days and feels that although change is difficult; she feels that this will be an event that everyone can get involved in.

**2. Committee Reports:**

**a. Economic & Community Development Committee:** Councilmember Julie Benjamin reported that they are still researching the possibility of Cabella's coming into town. She also explained that they had planned to have a community movie this summer, but it did not work out unfortunately. They are looking at doing it next summer.

**b. Public Works Committee:** Councilmember Mark Cole reported the Committee has been reviewing park projects for 2004 and the sewer treatment plant project. He stated that Steve Leniszewski and Alana McCoy gave them a tour of current and upcoming Public Works projects.

**c. Community Safety Committee:** Councilmember Jeffrey Possinger reported that the Committee is looking at the current fireworks code. He suggested that if Council wants to move forward with changing the code, they should look at it soon before holidays that center around fireworks. Councilmember Julie Benjamin went over a rough draft of a new false alarm code. The code would address and outline penalties for repeat offenders of false home alarms.

**d. Finance & Administration Committee:** Councilmember Greg Von Tobel reported that the Committee is now meeting at 7:30 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month. He stated that the Committee has recently discussed a possible meter re-read fee of \$25.00.

**e. Public Outreach Committee:** Councilmember Fullmer reported that the Committee is working on a Power Point presentation about Duvall that Councilmembers could take to homeowner's associations and other community meetings. She also announced a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> in the Rose Room. Lastly, Councilmember Fullmer reported the Doreen Wise has been working with Millennium Digital Media to get the City new equipment for our cable channel (channel 61). This will give us more flexibility on what we can display. She thanked Doreen for her work on this project.

### **3. Council:**

**a.** Councilmember Jeffrey Possinger thanked Carolyn Butler for all of her hard work on SummerStage and other Arts Commission projects and for keeping communications lines open between the Commission and Council. He also commented on the support the community has shown for the family who lost their home in a barn fire recently. Lastly he gave kudos to Councilmember Benjamin for getting permission to show Star Wars for our community movie and looks forward to the event next year.

**b.** Councilmember Julie Benjamin reported that she is going to be holding a food drive on September 11<sup>th</sup> at Safeway in Duvall. She is working with an organization called One Days Pay that is promoting everyone to do a charitable deed on September 11<sup>th</sup>. She stated the food will go to Hopelink.

**c.** Councilmember Pat Fullmer also thanked Carolyn Butler for all of her work with the Arts Commission and for always appearing to be calm.

### **4. Staff:**

**a.** Doreen Wise, City Hall Administrator/Planning Director, reported that this would probably be her last meeting until late October. She reminded Council that Dianne Nelson and Chief Merryman will be in charge of City Hall during her leave. She reported that she attended the Fire Commissioners meeting earlier today and discussed the possibility of using the Fire Hall for Council meetings. The Commissioners will get back to us in November. Doreen reminded everyone that the Community Face Lift Day is Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and that Jodi Lee Wycoff is in charge of the event this year. She also explained that the Library roof and painting project is almost complete. She asked that Council review a walking map that is being created for Duvall by King County. Lastly, Doreen went over a few items that will be coming to Council for approval while she is on leave.

**b.** Glenn Merryman, Chief of Police, reported that the individuals responsible for vandalizing Duvall property have been caught. He also gave a report on the Coalition training that he and his officers have been involved in. He stated that his officers are happy and encouraged by the new training offered.

c. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, reported that she received the Hopelink agreement today and that the bills being sent in September will have labels on them offering customers the chance to donate funds to help others pay their utility bills. She also announced that the City had the exit interview with the State Auditor's Office and we had a clean audit. She gave kudos to her staff, Shelley Sweet and Stephanie Easton, for all of their assistance and patience during the audit process. Lastly, she reported that she sent the bulk of the required information to the Department of Ecology for the sewer treatment plant loan.

**VI. Public Hearing: Arborwood Long Plat SU02-002 Preliminary Plat Approval**

**8:15 pm:** The Public Hearing was opened.

Lara Thomas, Assistant City Planner, reviewed for the record the Arborwood Long Plat SU02-002 Preliminary Plat.

Ty Waude, 505 Cedar Ave, Suite B1, Marysville, the developer explained that he agrees with the conditions of the approval. He also wanted to explain that the wetlands on the site are, for the most part, not standing water but areas of seepage.

Charles Correll, 27137 NE Miller St, expressed his concern regarding water drainage from the site.

Steve Schuller, City Engineer/Public Works Director, stated that the City and developer are working to together on the issue and that there will be a geo-tech available on site during the project.

**8:25 pm:** The Public Hearing was closed.

**VII. New Business:**

**1. (AB03-51) Resolution #03-16 Approving the Arborwood Preliminary Plat Application Subject to Certain Conditions.** *Was moved and seconded (Ibershof-Possinger) to approve Resolution #03-16 approving the Arborwood Preliminary Plat Application Subject to Certain Conditions. Carried. (7 ayes).*

**2. (AB03-52) Authorize the Mayor to Sign Contract Amendment #1 with ESM for Bruett Road Phase III.** *Was moved and seconded (Benjamin-Von Tobel) to authorize the Mayor to Sign Contract Amendment #1 with ESM for Bruett Road Phase III. Carried. (7 ayes).*

**3. (AB03-53) Resolution #03-17 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a State Revolving Fund Loan Agreement Between the City of Duvall and the State of Washington Department of Ecology for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Design.** *Was moved and*

*seconded (Fullmer-Benjamin) to Approve Resolution #03-17 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a State Revolving Fund Loan Agreement Between the City of Duvall and the State of Washington Department of Ecology for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Design. Carried. (7 ayes).*

**III. Executive Session:** NONE

**IX. Adjournment:**  
*Was moved and seconded (Ibershof-Possinger) to adjourn. Carried. (7 ayes).*  
Meeting Adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Becky Nixon

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Jodi Lee Wycoff, Office Assistant